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TAGS: TECH, IN
SUBJ: FOIA REQUEST

REF: A) STATE 75041
B) STATE 101531

1. THERE FOLLOW SERIATIM REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 2
OF REFTEL A.

(A) CONGEN RECALLS DISCUSSING AT SOME LENGTH WITH CHAIRMAN
SETHNA THAT THESE DATA WOULD BE USED IN REPLY TO CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRIES AND THUS ULTIMATELY THEIR SUBSTANCE WOULD END UP
IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE FACT THAT THE
DATA WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME PUBLIC DID NOT CONCERN
CHAIRMAN SETHNA AS HE WELCOMED THE OPPORUTITY
TO PROVIDE HIS REPLIES IN HIS OWN WORDS TO SUCH QUESTIONS
WHICH AT THAT TIME WERE FRQUENTLY BEING ASKED OF VARIOUS U.S.
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HE HOPED THAT THE INVOLVED U.S. AGENCIES
WOULD ALWAYS CHECK SUCH INQUIRIES WITH HIM BEFORE HEY REPLIED SO
THAT THE REPLY COULD BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. HE HOPED THAT
INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE HE WORDS COULD BE PASSED ON VERBATIM,
WITH WHATEVER COMMENT OR EXPLANATION THE CONCERNED USG AGENCY
MIGHT CONSIDER NECESSARY. HOWEVER, HE WANTED THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE ACTUAL RELEASE TO REST WITH THE USG AGENCY AS HE DID
NOT WANT TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO A BARRAGE OF DIRECT QUESTIONS
FROM CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS OR EVEN CONGRESSMEN IN THE
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UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT IT WAS NOT ENVISAGED THAT HIS
COVERING LETTERS WOULD BE RELEASED. SIMILARLY, CONGEN'S
LETTER OF FEBRUARY 26 TO CHAIRMAN ANDERS WAS NEVER INTENDED
FOR RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN BECAUSE IT REFERS TO THE KIND
OF EXCHANGES OFTEN MENTIONED INCORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE
CONGEN AND CHAIRMAN SETHNA, BUT WHICH COULD EASILY BE
DISTORED IF PUT INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

(B) TO THE BEST OF CONGEN'S KNOWLEDGE, MOST OF THE MATERIAL CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHMENTS TO THE IAEC LETTERS WERE NOT IN THE INDIAN PUBLIC DOMAIN WHEN THEY WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO US. AS FAR AS CONGEN KNOWS, THIS MATERIAL HAS STILL NOT BEEN PUBLISHED OR DISTRIBUTED IN INDIA.

(C) CONGEN AGREES THAT SUCH CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL EVEN WHEN THE MATERIAL DEALT WITH IN ANNEXES TO IT IS UNCLASSIFIED AND IS ACTUALLY DISTINED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.

2. CONGEN HAS NO RECORD OF BOMBAY TELEGRAM 1278 OF AUGUST 1972 RELATED TO A BANE/SETHNA DISCUSSIONS. COURTNEY

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